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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES  
MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS**

1-14 (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) A switching device for an electrical installation, comprising:

a housing having a bottom section and a top section spaced apart from the bottom section by a height;

a terminal at least two spaced-apart terminals disposed on the housing, each terminal having a clamping opening and shielding elements; and

at least one shielding element formed as one-piece on the housing in a region proximate to the terminal and extending along the corresponding clamping opening substantially over the entire height of the housing, wherein adjacent clamping openings are separated by at least two shielding elements which are open at at least one of the top and bottom sections and have a gap therebetween.

16. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 15, wherein the at least one shielding element is formed as an essentially flat plate or a rib.

17. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 15, wherein the at least one shielding element includes at least one reinforcing rib.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Canceled)

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20. (Currently amended) A switching device for an electrical installation, comprising:
- a housing having a lateral exterior surface and a bottom section and a top section spaced apart from the bottom section by a height;
  - a terminal disposed on the housing; and
  - at least one shielding element formed as one-piece substantially on the lateral exterior surface of the housing in a region proximate to the terminal, said at least one shielding element offset ~~moved away~~ from the lateral exterior housing surface ~~surfaces~~ towards the inside of the housing by a distance that prevents the at least one shielding element ~~elements~~ from contacting an adjacent shielding element ~~elements~~ of another switching device placed adjacent to the switching device, thereby lengthening a leakage path between adjacent switching devices,
  - wherein the shielding elements are open at at least one of the top and bottom sections.
21. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 20, further comprising at least one recess or indentation disposed on an exterior section of at least one shielding element.
22. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 21, wherein the at least one recess or indentation is disposed in a region of a terminal.
23. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 22, comprising two recesses or indentations and a fastening screw opening, wherein one of the recesses or indentations is disposed on an exterior section of the housing on one side of the fastening screw opening and another of the recesses or indentations is disposed on an exterior section on another side of the fastening screw opening.

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24. (Currently amended) ~~[[A]]~~ The switching device of claim 20 ~~for an electrical installation, further comprising:~~

~~a housing;~~

~~at least one terminal disposed on the housing;~~

a movable case having a thread and a clamping support;

a fixed case surrounding the movable case and having a through-opening;

a clamping screw disposed on the fixed case and including a thread-free region with a tapered cross-section located next to the clamping screw head, said clamping screw intended for threaded engagement into the thread of the movable case through the through-opening disposed on the fixed case so as to urge a head of the clamping screw against the clamping support disposed on the movable case;

an adjustable clamping opening for cable ends or cable lugs formed between the movable case and the fixed case, said clamping opening being adjustable with the clamping screw; and

a platelet disposed on a side of the clamping support that faces away from the fixed case and oriented parallel to the clamping support, the platelet being prevented from rotating relative to the clamping support, the platelet having a through-opening for the clamping screw which includes at least portions of a thread, wherein the thickness of the platelet does not exceed a length of the thread-free region of the clamping screw.

25.-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously presented) The switching device according to claim 15, further comprising a fastening screw opening disposed on the terminals, wherein the shielding elements are disposed around the fastening screw opening essentially in parallel with the fastening screw opening.

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30. (Previously presented) The switching device according to claim 15, wherein the switching device is a circuit breaker.
31. (Previously presented) The switching device according to claim 20, wherein the switching device is a circuit breaker.
32. (Canceled)
33. (Previously presented) The switching device of claim 21, wherein the at least one recess or indentation extend across substantially the entire height of the housing.